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Negotiations with the Nizam's Government for the site of the Sangameswaram project.

* 477 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur YAHYA ALI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any negotiations were started recently by the Government with the Nizam's Government regarding the sites for the Tungabhadra-Kistna (Sangameswaram) project; and

(*b*) if so, whether they will be pleased to lay the correspondence on the table?

A.—(*a*) Negotiations have been started regarding the Tungabhadra-Kistna project.

(*b*) No.

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I ask, Sir, about the negotiations that are going on, whether they are merely concerned with the acquisition of lands or whether they are concerned with the appointment of the available water? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—" They cover both questions."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know whether the Nizam's Government have put up any definite demand for a share of the water?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—" At the conference I had at Hyderabad they did put up certain claims; but the whole matter is under negotiation. "

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" Was the claim so exorbitant or unreasonable that it requires so much time for settlement? In view of the fact that there is large volume of water available, you can deal with the Nizam's Government more liberally."

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—" The case is not as simple as the hon. Member seems to think. Alternative schemes are under consideration. "

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I ask whether the Government of the Nizam have presented any alternative scheme?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—" Not at present; the whole matter is under negotiation; we hope to come to some arrangement. "

Minor Irrigation

Permits for the lay-out of water-pipes from Courtallam falls.

* 478 *Q.*—Mr. M. D. T. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—" Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of permits for the lay-out of water-pipes from the waterfalls with their specifications and special water-supply that have been granted to the residents in and near Courtallam (Tinnevelly district);

(*b*) whether the concessions are special and limited for a specific period and what have been the merits taken into consideration for the sanction of the same;

(*c*) whether the use of water has been so allowed for agriculture, public and temple uses alone or whether it has been sanctioned for the private use of individuals and bungalows also;

(*d*) whether the water right, irrigation and revenue aspects of the question have been taken into consideration and whether any revenue collections are being made out of such special privileges;

(*e*) how many and what protests have been made against the grant of such special privileges and what action has been taken regarding them; and

(*f*) whether any rules, regulations or standing orders have been passed or are about to be passed governing the grant of such privileges?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) Four licences for the diversion of water for domestic purposes have so far been issued to residents of Courtallam and its neighbourhood. The details are given below :—

Serial number.	To whom granted.	Diameter of pipe.	Remarks.
1 and 2.	His Highness the Maharaja of Travancore.	Two inches	Two bungalows served by one pipe.
3	M.R.Ry. S. A. A. Annamalai Chettiyar Avargal.	Do.	Do.
4	Raja Sir Annamalai Chettiyar.	One inch.	From the two inches pipe of No. 3.

The licences are not for any fixed period but are liable to be revoked at will by Government. They are subject to the payment of a fee of Rs. 25 per annum. The Government have also authorized the issue of a separate licence to Mr. S. A. A. Annamalai Chettiyar for the generation of electricity by means of the supply already licensed for use for domestic purposes. This licence is for a period of 25 years and is subject to an additional payment of Rs. 25 a year.

(*d*) The interests of irrigation and other rights and interests were considered before the issue of the licences was ordered. A fee of Rs. 25 is levied in each case.

(*e*) No such protests have been received. The licences do not involve the grant of any special privileges.

(*f*) The hon. Member is referred to the rules contained in paragraph 13 of Board's Standing Order No. 4, and Board's Standing Order No. 11-A.

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar :—" With reference to the licence issued to Mr. S. A. A. Annamalai Chettiyar for his ' domestic purposes, ' may I ask whether it is intended only for his own house or for supply to other houses also?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" I must ask for notice of the question."